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Our Mission

The Community Foundation of the Ozarks is committed to working with donors, Agency Partners and regional affiliate foundations to strengthen our region through asset development, grantmaking, public leadership and collaboration.

Double the Return **CFO's First Mission-Related Projects Completed**

Ozarks Medical Center Paramedic Barry Stevenson is the kind of person who talks with his hands, even more when he's excited about the subject.

His hands were flying as he showed visitors around one of the 16 new treatment rooms at the open house for the OMC's new emergency department on a warm July Sunday afternoon in West Plains. He explained how each room has its own EKG machine, instead of relying on one shared unit. He described the negative pressure air system rooms for patients with contagious diseases, the decontamination room, and the waiting room improvements for those accompanying ER patients.

"This is going to simplify our work quite a bit because we don't have to go around and find equipment," Stevenson said. "I'm so excited that it's finally here."

The OMC emergency department and a classroom/storm shelter expansion in Chadwick are the CFO's first two mission-related investments starting to return the "double bottom line" goal of investing assets directly into southern Missouri communities. Last year, the Board approved investing up to 2 percent of the CFO's assets in below-market loans to leverage or fill financing gaps for



U.S. Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (center) leads the ribbon cutting for the new Ozarks Medical Center Emergency Department in West Plains.

non-profit projects that create a significant return for their communities as a whole.

In the OMC's circumstances, the hospital recognized the need for a new emergency department more than five years ago. It was built to the shell stage by 2005 when challenging economic conditions and access to financial markets halted construction. In 2009, the CFO's Mission-Related Investment Committee approved a \$1 million loan to go with a \$500,000 federal grant and a \$3 million capital campaign led by the hospital's Foundation Board, which includes CFO Executive Committee member Dusty Shaw and new Board Chairman David Pointer.

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Paramedic Barry Stevenson explains features of the new treatment rooms at the Ozarks Medical Center's Emergency Department.

CFO Affiliates Rise to Hunger Challenge

CFO affiliates will see about 10 times the return with \$105,000 in local fundraising – matched with a \$100,000 Walmart State Foundation challenge grant – buying \$1 million worth of food for residents in their communities facing chronic hunger.

The funding is channeled primarily through the Ozarks Food Harvest, a CFO agency partner with a 28-county service area that largely mirrors the CFO's southern Missouri region.

The CFO affiliates that successfully responded to the Hunger Challenge are: Aurora, Bolivar, Cassville, DACO,

Dallas County, El Dorado Springs, Finley River, Houston, Jacks Fork, Southwest Missouri (Carthage and Joplin), Marshfield, Nixa, Oregon County, Seymour, Stockton, Table Rock Lake, Taney County, and West Plains.

The Walmart State Foundation State Giving Program selected the Ozarks Food Harvest for its challenge grant program last year, which began in response to the national report – "Hunger in America 2010" – describing the extent to which hunger plagues Ozarks communities. An estimated 155,000 Ozarkers face chronic hunger issues, according to the report.

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Message from the Chairman

As I write my first Chairman's message, I think both Brian Fogle and I would agree that it is a daunting prospect to assume the CFO's leadership from the footprint left by past President Gary Funk and former Chairman Tom Prater.

Nonetheless, we are grateful they left us in such a strong position to carry out the 2011 Action Plan approved at the August Board of Directors' meeting. This year's Action Plan is designed to build on the FY10 success, which wrapped up with:

- A record \$18.2 million awarded in grants and distributions, up from the previous year's record of \$15.9 million;
- The second-best year ever for gifts with \$23.4 million in contributions despite the challenging economy;
- A record 231 new funds established;
- Scholarships totaling more than \$600,000 awarded to a record 478 students; and
- The very successful launch of the Rural Schools Partnership, which now numbers more than 90 schools and has garnered national attention for the innovative Ozarks Teacher Corps scholarship program.

Our task is to build on that success and continue it in the future. With that in mind, the FY11 Action Plan consists of six goals:

We intend to start the **strategic planning process** and prepare for the launch of a new strategic plan next year. The process of developing a thoughtful strategic plan is taking place in three phases – laying the groundwork last year, developing the new plan this year, and implementing it next year.

2010-11 Executive Committee

- Chair:** David Pointer
Vice Chair: Cliff Brown
Secretary: Jill Reynolds
Treasurer: Shari Hoffman
Members-at-Large: Gloria Galanes, Mark Nelson (Springfield), Roger D. "Dusty" Shaw

After thorough study by the Investment Advisory Board, **we plan to implement a "third-tier" investment fund this year** that will provide less risk than the commingled fund, but a higher expected return than the money market. The fund would be comprised of less volatile fixed-income investments, and is geared primarily for our agency partners who have funds with an intermediate investment time horizon.

We want to revive the Grantmaker's Forum. This program will bring major grantmakers together several times over the coming year for briefings and discussion about high-priority community needs, particularly within metropolitan Springfield. The goal is to foster better community cooperation and collaboration in philanthropic efforts.

Building on the successful launch of the Rural Schools Partnership, **we want to create**

a **Rural Schools Leadership Academy** to provide additional collaborative training opportunities for high-achieving high school students in rural districts to complement our place-based education goals.



David Pointer

We plan to promote family and community funds as very accessible ways to start philanthropic efforts. This includes a new **Giving Circles** initiative you will be hearing more about in the near future, which will encourage networks of friends, social groups or professionals to support their shared visions or passions.

Finally, in recognition of the incredible impact of planned giving on our organization and affiliates, we intend to continue our core emphasis on developing the **Legacy Society**. We plan to add at least 25 new members to the Legacy Society in the coming year. We are poised to see an incredible impact from planned gifts come to fruition over the next year, which we'll highlight in the upcoming annual report.

From a more personal standpoint, I embrace the opportunity to work with our entire CFO community to fulfill these goals over the coming year. I remain optimistic that our organization can continue to serve a vital role in strengthening our local communities.

Three New Members Join CFO Board

Judith R. Gonzalez

is a core faculty member at the School of Professional Psychology at Forest Institute in Springfield. She holds a doctoral degree in clinical psychology, a master's in



Judith Gonzalez

education, and a master's in Christian education. She has several publications in her field of expertise, and is a nationally and internationally known speaker.

Judith founded the "Hand in Hand" Multicultural Center in 2000, her dream since she arrived in the Ozarks in 1995. In 2004, she received the CFO's Humanitarian of the Year award.

Her husband, Samuel, is Baptist minister. She is the mother of twins, Misael and Joanna, and has two granddaughters, Brianna Denise and Klarissa Nicole.

Bill Lee

is the Community President for Arvest Bank in Neosho and in Carthage. He is active in many civic organizations in both communities, and he is the Chairman of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce's



Bill Lee

Economic Development Corporation.

Bill also was elected Chairman of the Board of the Community Foundation of Southwest Missouri serving the Carthage-Joplin areas. His previous CFO leadership experience includes working to establish the Mt. Vernon Area Community Foundation.

Lee and his wife, Shary, live in Carthage and have five children and six grandchildren.

Sandra Thomason

is a proud, long-time resident of Clinton. She has been an active volunteer on community issues, including service to many boards and agencies with connections to youth.



Sandra Thomason

She has worked in both the legal and travel fields as well as working in the family business of electrical transmission and pole-line construction. Sandra served as a founding member of the Truman Lake Community Foundation and was president in 2000 when the organization affiliated with the CFO.

Sandra and her husband Doug recently celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary. They have a son, a daughter and two grandchildren.

Community Gardens Yield Bumper Results

The Healthy Roots for Route 60 Gardening Project has had an incredibly active first year after receiving funds from the CFO and the Missouri Foundation for Health last fall. This project has been administered by the Fordland Clinic. Route 60 coordinator Becki Knobloch is proud of the grassroots work toward fully functioning gardening projects in Mansfield, Seymour, Fordland, and Rogersville.

"Certainly, I am pleased as can be with all these projects," Knobloch said. "Each of the four local coordinators has made marvelous progress in their first year."

Here's a short update about each project:

Rogersville

The Rogersville Eats Amazing Produce project hit the ground running with an overhaul of an already existing greenhouse at the Rogersville school, where Coordinator Emma Alexander and her students first produced crops and learned lessons on greenhouse gardening.

"Emma and the students created a wonderful 'salad garden' by the end of the school year from the greenhouse," Knobloch noted.

As the temperature climbed in the spring, REAP students developed gardening projects in two additional sites. The Rogersville First Baptist Church youth group and the Oak Grove Heights Seventh Day Adventist Church youth worked with REAP to create gardens at each church.

Mansfield

The concept of community gardening had already taken root in the mind of Laura Ingalls Wilder Director Jean Coday. So when the Roots for Route 60 concept came to



Youth Gardening Project at Fordland

Mansfield, FFA teacher Stan Coday took the challenge and began a large field garden behind the school.

By June, Stan Coday and his dedicated students had planted row upon row of corn, squash, beans, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, watermelons, zucchini, and other crops. Students worked all summer in the garden and were rewarded with State Fair-worthy produce — 22 of the vegetables the Mansfield FFA students took to the fair were from their Route 60 garden.

Fordland

Fordland FFA teacher Tommy Scrivner had a clear goal in mind when partnering with Becki Knobloch and the Route 60 project. He wanted to teach his students about the business of gardening for profit with specialized produce. With that goal, the Fordland FFA students worked all spring and summer to establish a fully

functioning "U-Pick" blueberry farm at the school. The students received hands-on training from Waters Blueberry Farm owner Matt Waters, who also sold the students established blueberry plants that produced a first crop this year.

Students have planted blueberry bushes in raised beds and look forward to having their first full-sized crop next year, with additional bushes planted this fall.

Seymour

Seymour gardening coordinator Christina Crawford partnered with the Route 60 project as part of the Seymour Y's summer childcare program. Students spent nearly every day in the garden, which is made up of 11 raised beds.

"Christina and the Y students are using this garden project as an educational experience and an opportunity to learn about gardening methods," Knobloch said.

Arts in Communities Summer Program Takes Shows on the Road

This summer's Arts in Communities program traveled to four affiliate communities – Eldon, Houston, Mountain Grove and Willard – where residents experienced both performing and visual arts programs offered by the Mid-America Arts Alliance.

This is the fifth year of the collaboration between the Missouri Arts Council and the Community Foundation of the Ozarks since it was initiated by former CFO Board Chair Sally Baird.

The Eldon Community Foundation partnered with the Eldon Senior Center to host the "Grand Ole Opry." Many seniors visit the Center for the Meals on Wheels lunch program, so the location made it easy for seniors to connect to the event. Jim and Kim Lansford also performed and answered questions about the Grand Ole Opry musical era.

The Houston Senior Center, partnering

with the Houston Community Foundation, hosted the "Apron Strings: Ties to the Past" exhibition. This was the Center's first experience with a traveling exhibition and it had similar benefits to Eldon's with the Meals on Wheels program.

The Mountain Grove Area Community Foundation also hosted the Grand Ole Opry exhibition in cooperation with the the Mountain Grove Central Arts Council and the Mountain Grove Senior Center. Along with the exhibition at the Senior Center, the event included a performance by Les Gilliam, the Oklahoma Balladeer, at the Tri-County Fair on June 12.

Arts Council President Deb Barbe noted that a "significant percentage of the population is below poverty level, and there are very few opportunities for local exposure to fine or performing arts."

The Willard Children's Charitable Foundation had extensive community

participation for its Arts in Communities project. The foundation partnered with the Willard High School Theater Department to host the "Apron Strings" exhibition at Rocco's Pizza. The Foundation invited Colleen Mallette, the High C Diva, to work with the Willard High School Players. The students wrote and performed an original play with Mallette performing.

"Plotting and creating the show was valuable and rewarding," Board Member Danette Proctor said. "Many community members were extremely moved, entertained and impressed. The reflection about their own relationship with family, especially the influential women in their life, was dynamic."

The original partnership between the CFO and the Mid-America Arts Alliance allowed Shell Knob to be added as a fifth community on this summer's tour with funding provided through the Missouri Arts Council.



A Healing Journey

From Son's Death Comes New Life

Through a journey that began deep in the shadows of grief over their teenage son's death, Mark and Tess Pinkerton found both his legacy and their light in Ethiopia, a world away from their comfortable Carl Junction home.

The light was the three boisterous boys they adopted from the second largest nation in Africa about three years ago – Zee, now 14, and nine-year-old twins Robel and Jonas. The legacy is Ike's Fund, named for Isaac, who died four years ago in a car accident at age 17. Today, Ike's Fund helps dozens of orphans and displaced children who are too old for adoption and too young for independence live better lives in the capital of Addis Abada and the northern Ethiopian city of Mek'ele.

"It was the most hopeful thing we could think to do – to do something of eternal value," Tess Pinkerton said.



Mark and Tess Pinkerton struggled with infertility for years before they adopted their two oldest children. Emily, now a 22-year-old University of Kansas graduate who's working in the Teach for America program in Kansas City, was first. Less than a year later, they brought Isaac home when he was two days old.

They describe Isaac – whom they nicknamed Ike – as a fun kid; carefree, strong-willed, levelheaded – fearless, but also calming.

The foursome moved to Carl Junction 10 years ago for Mark's job as a physician who specializes in pain management at his Joplin clinic.

On June 4, 2006, Ike was killed in a freak car accident just about a mile from home. They spent that summer awash in grief. In the fall, Emily went ahead with her plans to start her freshman year at KU.

Little did they grasp the journey on which they were about to embark.



With Ike gone and Emily away at school, Mark and Tess felt a void; they'd struggled so long to have children and now their nest was empty long before they were ready. They started to look into adoption again. This time, they decided to pursue international adoption even though both Emily and Ike were U.S. adoptees.

Mark says they wanted to assure that there wouldn't be any contact with the birth parents; they couldn't bear the



Zee Pinkerton, left, with brothers Jonas and Robel, enjoy sports and are doing well in school since being adopted three years ago from their native Ethiopia by Tess and Mark Pinkerton.

thought of birth parents reconsidering or later contesting the adoption. Plus, he says, their status as "mature" parents at this point in their lives was more acceptable internationally.

They narrowed their interest to Haiti and Ethiopia, and found Ethiopia to be the most accommodating.

"We wanted an older child," Mark says. "We wanted someone who was considered too old to be adopted."

In the course of their research, they watched a video from their adoption agency and zeroed in on Zee, with his wide, bright smile.

"There was just something about him," Tess recalls. "We felt like he was ours."

The agency also told the Pinkertons about twin brothers who needed adoptive parents who would keep the brothers together.

"We were smitten immediately," Mark says.

A few months later, they were on a plane to Ethiopia to pick up Zee, Jonas and Robel.

They returned to the U.S. Embassy in Addis Abada to obtain visas for the boys and spent several days in a hotel, pining to get home. After the long flights and drive from the Kansas City airport, they arrived in Carl Junction about 3 a.m. on June 21, 2007 with three new sons who couldn't speak English and were too excited to sleep.

For more information about Ike's Fund, visit: www.ikesonline.com or contact the Community Foundation at (417) 864-6199.



Tess laughs as she recalls how they communicated that first summer – she says they used improvised sign language, pointed at things and shared a lot of hugs and kisses.

"It was so much fun that summer," she says. "They swam, rode bikes, played out in the driveway."

They enlisted some language tutoring help; when it was time for school, they weren't sure where to place the boys, so they started them out a grade level below where they would have normally been.



Emily Pinkerton joins her new brothers on a gardening day at their Carl Junction home.

"Within a couple of weeks, they started to understand everything in school," she says.

Today, they've not only caught up – the twins are in 4th grade – but Zee has jumped ahead, skipping 7th grade and moving into 8th this fall. They're involved in baseball, swimming, football and other school activities.

"They are doing really well in school," Tess says. "I haven't had a bad day with these boys."

Even with Emily back at college, their grief still raw, and their hands full with their three new sons, Mark and Tess couldn't shake the feeling that they still had more to do. Ethiopia continued to call them.



In fall 2007, just a few months after bringing home the boys, Mark and Tess made contact with a couple in Lawrence, Kan., who were visiting Joplin. They work with the group Fields of Promise, a partner of the non-governmental organization Operation Rescue Ethiopia, which provides lunch, showers, classes, and medical care for some 300 children every day. At that point, the couple had just committed to the responsibility of renting another home for boys, but hadn't yet figured out how they were going to support it.

"We took over support of the home for 13 boys," Mark says. "Once you have a child

in heaven, you have this thing in your head. You want to make this world count for the next kids."

And so began Ike's Fund, which the Pinkertons created to channel resources for their project. They opened it with the idea of creating a 501(c)3 non-profit, but found the paperwork and expense to be more than they expected. Their accountant, Jim Hardy, suggested they consider using the Community Foundation of Southwest Missouri, which they learned was staffed by their neighbor, Michelle Ducre.

"We made the switch to the CFO," Tess says. "It's a huge relief to us that it's done right."



Their next goal was to do something for the girls.

Their friend, Abdissa, was working to help girls who were homeless. He had a facility where boys and girls lived together, but he locked them up overnight to prevent mischief. Through the support of Ike's Fund, there is now a separate house where eight girls can stay off the streets.

"Ethiopia is a wonderful country,"

Tess says. "If you can take care of these kids and help them get started, they can be part of the solution."

The Pinkertons have returned several times to Ethiopia. Mark and Tess just visited in May; last year Mark took Zee and traveled six hours south to the village of Sodo to find Zee's grandmother, Tadu, who collapsed in tears when she saw her grandson. Next year, they hope to take the whole family.

They have no doubt they'll continue the work of Ike's Fund. One of their next ideas is to buy a taxicab to create a job for someone as a tour guide for American visitors.

They'd also like to help the girls they visited at a drop-in center where they can come for basic needs like showers, lunch and medical care. They hope for an end to the sight of these girls rummaging for food on a trash heap near the center.

When the dump trucks come, hundreds of them appear from nowhere and everywhere, clambering across the piles for scraps they can eat to sustain themselves or take to their families. They cup water from puddles and mix it with partial packets of sugar from airline dinner tray garbage and call it "tea."

"We're committed to these people," Tess says. "I'm very thankful our lives have meaning and joy – we're not just surviving; we're thriving."

"I'm one of the happiest sad people you'll ever meet."



Rescued Girl



Agency Partners Honored at Annual Luncheon

The strong attendance at this year's Agency Partner Appreciation August luncheon reflects the overall growth of the CFO's non-profit partners with 50 new members bringing the total to 357.

Many of the new partner agencies attended the luncheon to network with colleagues and accept a small token of appreciation from the Foundation.

One was Judy Martin, representing the Vivian Stuber Memorial Library, a component fund of the Marshfield Area Community Foundation. She played an integral part in establishing the Vivian Stuber Memorial Library Endowment and the Vivian Stuber Memorial Library funds, which are designed to build, maintain stock and provide staffing for a public library in Niangua.

"I was approached with the idea of building a library in Niangua in honor of my mother, Vivian Stuber, a long-time citizen and teacher in Niangua," Martin said. "The opportunity came for us to be affiliated with the Marshfield Area Community Foundation and we couldn't be more pleased. Donors are assured that their contributions are safeguarded and given a chance to grow."

Another agency at the event was The Smile Center, which provides dental services for low-income children and expectant mothers in Christian and Stone counties with plans underway for a second location.

"Our new capacity-building fund through



Keynote speaker Dr. Cal LeMon talked about how planned giving can extend the impact of one's life for generations to come.

the Community Foundation provides us not only a sound and stable 'parking spot' for reserve funds, it elevates the awareness of our organization in the communities we serve," Executive Director Jackie Barger said.

An equally important part of the luncheon was recognizing the 44 existing Agency Partners that have established new funds in the previous year.

Springfield educators Steve and Linda Brite initiated two of the funds developed through the Foundation for Public Schools.

Their funds – the Stephen and Linda Brite Visual Arts Endowed and Annual funds and the Paganini/Brite Wings Annual Fund - focus on the needs of students, based on their combined experience as educators.

"We are happy to provide support for kids as they strive to better themselves through education and, being long-time educators ourselves, it was clear that these funds would meet the needs of students in both our areas of emphasis," Steve Brite said.

Nationally known workforce trainer Dr. Cal LeMon, recognized as one of the 10 best speakers in America, gave the keynote remarks about enriching one's own life through assisting others. His speech "How to Live to Be 1,000" focused on individuals who work jobs in which they must be "givers."

"The best residue of my life, and of yours, will be our fingerprints on someone who has changed as a result of our touching them and changing their lives," he said.

History Reassembled **Callaway Cabin Preserves Webster County's Pioneer Past**

MARSHFIELD - Several generations of the Callaway family reunited over the Fourth of July holiday weekend to dedicate their family's log cabin, which was reassembled and restored for public access in a city park.

The fundraising efforts for the project, which included donations from family members and a \$10,000 grant from the Webster Electric Foundation, have been coordinated through the Callaway Historic Cabin Fund of the Marshfield Area Community Foundation.

Parham and Nancy Callaway built the cabin in 1853 over a hill from the main road between Marshfield and Hartville; it was one of the few structures in the area to survive a devastating tornado in 1880. The last descendent to own the cabin was Dr. Guy W. Callaway, a founder of the Smith-Glynn-Callaway Clinic in Springfield.

In 2006, Webster County resident Champ Herron wanted to find an authentic Webster County log cabin to relocate near the Webster County Courthouse to preserve that aspect of pioneer life.

Katherine Callaway Bowden, of Birch Tree, learned about her family's cabin and

asked her cousin, Dan Beckner, to contact then owners, Leray and Diane Keeler. The Keelers agreed to donate the dilapidated cabin, on the condition that it was going to be located in a public park. Dan and Zoann Beckner, who now live in Springfield, had originally developed Hidden Waters and later donated it to the City of Marshfield, so that created an appropriate location.

The Cabin Restoration Committee, which drew on expertise from volunteer carpenters, electricians, historians, engineers, academics, interior designers, and others, dismantled the cabin, numbering each log and moving it piece by piece to the Nature Park site. During this process last year, only three or four logs had to be replaced because of rotted wood.

The July 4 Callaway reunion drew more than 75 family members from eight states



Gathered to dedicate the Callaway Historic Cabin are (left to right): Dan Beckner, Garland Callaway, Paula Greer, Champ Herren, Marshfield Mayor C.R. "Bob" Clark, Kaitlyn McConnell, Chuck Picard, Kathy Muckala, and Don Rost.

to celebrate the preservation of the history of both their family and Webster County. The cabin is now open to the public at the Nature Park, which has four springs – more in wet weather – and a trail that showcases ponds, waterfalls, bridges and woodland gardens.



Community Foundation Grant Report

The ongoing discretionary community grantmaking program of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks and its affiliate community foundations is funded with distributions from unrestricted and field-of-interest funds earmarked for specific communities or foundations. Grants listed below were made from June 1, 2010 to August 31, 2010.

Community Foundation of Southwest Missouri, Inc.

Support for Cancer Patients	\$2,664
Pro Musica	\$2,500
Missouri Southern State University Symphony Orchestra	\$1,500
United Way of Southwest Missouri, Child development program	\$700
City of Carl Junction, fitness equipment	\$1,700
Carthage Historic Preservation, Inc., building repairs	\$958
George A. Spiva Center for the Arts	\$1,450
Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center	\$1,000
United Way of Southwest Missouri, Books for Dolly Parton Imagination Library	\$1,000
Joplin Trails Coalition, to complete Ruby Jack Trail	\$3,500
Community Support Services	\$3,500
Area Agency on Aging Region X, for emergency meals	\$5,000
Aspire of Southwest Missouri	\$1,250

Dallas County Community Foundation

OACAC-Dallas County Neighborhood Center, for the Annual School Readiness Fair	\$800
Dallas County Betterment Association	\$1,000
Buffalo Rotary Club Davis and Mallory Memorial Scholarship Fund, for 2010-11 scholarships	\$1,500

Douglas County Community Foundation

Douglas County YEP Project, annual grant	\$500
City of Ava	\$5,000
Heart of the Hills Food Harvest	\$5,000
Ava Senior Center	\$10,000

El Dorado Springs Community Foundation

Doc and Bonnie Bender Scholarship Fund, 2010-11 scholarships	\$3,250
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Community Foundation of the Hermann Area

Support for Cancer Patients	\$2,756
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Lockwood Community Foundation

City of Lockwood, to renovate Smith Park	\$1,000
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Marshfield Area Community Foundation

Children's Dental Services	\$800
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Ozark County Community Foundation

Gainesville R-5 School District, Gainesville YEP grant	\$254
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Greater Seymour Area Foundation

Seymour Dolly Parton Imagination Library, for books	\$1,014
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Ste. Genevieve County Community Foundation

Ste. Genevieve Convention & Visitor Bureau, support for the French Heritage Festival	\$1,200
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Stockton Community Foundation

Stockton Community Development Corporation	\$30,000
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Table Rock Lake Community Foundation

The Running Jenny Fund, to honor Gary Funk's service to CFO	\$200
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Taney County Community Foundation

Women's Crisis Center, children's program	\$500
Junior Auxiliary of Taney County, Snacks in Packs program	\$500
Christian Action Ministries, school readiness fair clothing	\$250
OACAC - Branson, school readiness fair backpacks	\$250
Taneyhills Community Library, new server	\$125
Branson Band Boosters, Growth Through Music program	\$125
Church Army USA Branson, GED preparation classes	\$250
Forsyth Library, books on CD	\$400
Boys and Girls Club of Forsyth, staff training	\$336
K-Life Forsyth	\$514
Women's Crisis Center	\$1,250
City of Rockaway Beach	\$6,000

Willard Children's Charitable Foundation

Services for Children	\$6,965
Scholarships for Willard Students	\$5,026

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Hospital officials expect usage to increase about 10 percent over the year as area residents rely on the new facility instead of going elsewhere. In 2009, the OMC served about 21,000 emergency patients.

The second mission-related project is an addition opening this fall at Chadwick schools in Christian County that will serve as classroom and multi-purpose space and double as a storm shelter.

The more than 4,000-square-foot building will house about 660 people, which is enough for all students and staff as well as residents for situations such as severe weather breaking out during sports or community events at the school.

In this case, the school district had received about \$588,000 in federal funds, but needed \$200,000 for its local match. In November 2008, the district lost a bond election by one vote - two on a recount - and risked forfeiting the federal money. After seeing media

reports about the election, CFO President Brian Fogle approached the district about the MRI initiative, which resulted in the CFO's \$200,000 loan.

"We don't have really enough safe places for our kids here and when we have the tornado shelter, it's going to be really comforting to just give the signal to go to the shelter," Chadwick Co-Superintendent Dr. Bill Wheeler said. "I feel confident we can get every person in the school into the shelter in less than two minutes.

"I want to thank Mr. Fogle, Mr. Gary Funk and the Community Foundation of the Ozarks for providing the link needed to place the project in motion," he added. "The students and staff at Chadwick School can be assured that they will have safe shelter should a tornado or high-velocity straight winds strike our campus."

MRI Extended to Cultural Fund

A new component of the Mission-Related Investment Initiative is the CFO's Cultural Investment Fund.

The Fund, available in time for the 2010-11 performance season, is a revolving low-interest loan program designed to help Springfield-Greene County arts and cultural organizations pay advance costs for performances, artistic rights, and exhibitions. The loans would be repaid within 90 days from approval by ticket proceeds, sponsorships and other event revenue. Each participating arts organization is required to invest \$2,500 into the fund to be eligible for the loan program.

The Arts Programming Sustainability Initiative Panel, which will provide oversight of the loan program, approved the first request to use the Fund, which was from The Gillioz Theatre for a Blues Traveler concert on Oct. 14.

"The Cultural Investment Fund is a great step forward in increasing the quality and 'star power' of artistic and cultural offerings in Springfield," said Leah Hamilton Jenkins, executive director of the Springfield Regional Arts Council.



CFO News in Brief New Affiliate Leaders Named

The Community Foundation of the Hermann Area, Inc. elected Dr. Chris Neale to serve as its new President. The superintendent of the Gasconade County R-1 (Hermann) School District, Dr. Neale says he is looking forward to leading the charge in garnering funding to subsidize the tuition of all Hermann High School students who take dual-credit classes by 50 percent.

The Community Foundation of the Hermann Area, Inc. also has established the Hermann High School Alumni Association to

build scholarships for Hermann graduates.

Dr. Neale and his wife, Laura, have two children who live in Springfield.

Bill Lee, a longtime Carthage banker, was elected Chairman of the Community Foundation of Southwest Missouri, Inc. He also joined the CFO Board of Directors in July and is profiled with the other new Board members on page 2.



Dr. Chris Neale

Bolivar makes Cooper Phase II Challenge



Bolivar Superintendent Dr. Steve Morgan and Intermediate Principal Laura Boyd receive a ceremonial check for \$10,000 from CFO Executive Vice President Julie Leeth. Bolivar R-1 Schools raised \$20,000 to create a Care to Learn Endowment Fund as part of the Harry Cooper Supply Company Campaign for the Ozarks Challenge Phase II. One of the main components of the Bolivar program is a backpack snack program, which provides healthy foods for 50 kids who have the backpacks filled 10 times a year.

Meramec Foundation a New Concept for CFO

The Meramec Regional Community Foundation is the CFO's 42nd affiliate and the first collaboration with an existing regional planning commission to create a charitable foundation.

The affiliate is a new venture within the Meramec Regional Planning Commission, which serves eight counties in central Missouri—Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Osage, Phelps, Pulaski and Washington – and 32 cities within those counties.

The Foundation will support community charitable grantmaking within its service area. The Community Foundation's existing affiliates within this region will continue to operate their own asset-building and grantmaking programs based on their specific priorities.

"We have some existing strong affiliates

in the region, which will continue to do their important work as they always have," CFO President Brian Fogle said. "However, MRCF will provide us a means to expand to other underserved areas that aren't being reached by existing community foundations."

The organizing board members for the Meramec Regional Community Foundation are: President Laura Antolak; Vice President Russell Scheulen (also representing Osage County); and Secretary-Treasurer Richard Cavender. Each county in the Meramec region also has a representative on the MRCF board: Crawford County - Mardy Leathers; Dent County - David Dittman; Gasconade County - Gerald Ebker; Maries County - Ray Schwartze; Phelps County - Wayne Parry; Pulaski County - Wayne Morgan; and Washington County - Leo Dickey.

New Monthly Deduction Option Now Available

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